

exercised using the MSH by multiple units who have building clearing as part of their mission essential tasks. There is currently no Texas Army National Guard controlled MSH. The addition of this system will greatly enhance training and readiness prior to unit deployment. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Texas National Guard, 2200 West 35th Street, Austin, TX 78763.

Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information for publication in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2997—Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

A request to Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service (CSRESS), Special Research Grants Account, to the Animal Fiber Research Program. This funding would assist in the ongoing Wool Research Program. This program is a partnership between the Texas Agriculture Experiment Station in San Angelo, TX, New Mexico State University and Montana State University. This program helps enhance the quality and quantity of wool and mohair produced in this country. In addition, significant efforts are being made to work with small ruminants as a means to control invasive brush which is a major issue in many parts of Texas degrading rangelands and taking precious water. The project is located at 7887, U.S. Highway 87N, San Angelo, Texas, 76901.

A request to Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service (CSRESS), Special Research Grants Account to continue partial funding of the state of the art multidisciplinary research approach at the International Cotton Center at Texas Tech University. The International Cotton Center conducts cotton research programs for cotton production systems and provides market and policy analysis for natural fibers (cotton, wool, and mohair) in an effort to increase profitability and maintain viability of all segments of the U.S. cotton industry in an increasingly competitive and volatile international market. The project research would be centrally located at Texas Tech University, located at 2500 Broadway, Lubbock, Texas 79409.

A request to Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service (CSRESS), Special Research Grants Account, to continue partial funding for the Center for Food Industry Excellence at Texas Tech University. The Center for Food Industry Excellence is a federal and state supported program that conducts systematic development and evaluations of production, processing and preparation methods of food products to achieve a safer and more nutritious food supply. The project research would be centrally located at Texas Tech University, located at 2500 Broadway, Lubbock, Texas 79409.

**BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE
(BCC))**

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the opportunities Bronx Com-

munity College (BCC) has afforded its students for over half a century. This week, the New York Carib News acknowledged the most recent graduation at the school with a story in its June 23, 2009 edition entitled the "Spirited Commencement on Historic Field." For the graduation, thousands gathered on Ohio Field to watch BCC's graduating class of 2009 receive their degrees. Dedicated to serving its students through academics, leadership, and a commitment to service, BCC has done a remarkable job of producing talented individuals from all backgrounds. Approximately fifty-five percent of graduates are first generation college students and twenty-five percent balance school with work and family lives. Even more significant is the forty-four percent of students who come from households with an income of less than \$15,000 per year. Bronx Community College is doing extraordinary things for a culturally diverse population of students, and deserves to be recognized for its years of commitment to this initiative.

This year, BCC graduated approximately 1,000 students who were prepared to enter the work force to begin careers in areas from medical office technicians to students who will receive full scholarships to complete their studies at four-year undergraduate institutions. Not only does such success among its students provide BCC with a strong alumni base, it also sets an incredibly strong example for both youth and adults in the surrounding area who have ever had doubts about their abilities to advance their education. The beauty of this institution is that it cultivates the dreams of those who want better careers and lives for themselves and their families. The Bronx Community College welcomes untraditional paths to education, and provides its students with the resources, motivation, and encouragement to succeed.

The continued pursuit of education and personal advancement even in such challenging economic times speaks volumes to the commitment of the Bronx Community College. This school confirms the validity of such public institutions and deserves to be recognized as a force of motivation in the Bronx community and a source of inspiration for anyone who dreams of succeeding.

**TRIBUTE TO MONSIGNOR EUGENE
M. BOLAND**

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the work of an outstanding individual, Monsignor Eugene M. Boland, who was recognized on Sunday, June 28, 2009, on the occasion of his retirement.

It is only fitting that he be honored in this, the permanent record of the greatest democracy ever known, for he has been a true public servant and someone whose spiritual commitment has enhanced countless lives.

Eugene M. Boland was born on May 12, 1939, in the Village of Eyrecout, County Galway, Ireland, one of three sons of John and Nora (Potter) Boland. One of his brothers, Monsignor John V. Boland, is the pastor of St. Francis de Sales Church in Vernon Township,

NJ. The other, Eamon, and his wife Mai and their four children reside in Castlecomer, County Kilkenny, Ireland. Young Eugene attended the local convent school until second grade, and then continued on at the local boys school until he was thirteen. He began his secondary education (high school) at St. Joseph's College, Ballinasloe, in 1952, and then went on to St. Patrick's Seminary in Carlow in the fall of 1957. He was ordained to the priesthood at the Cathedral in Carlow on June 8, 1963.

Father Boland came to this country on August 16, 1963, and was temporarily assigned to St. Vincent the Martyr Parish in Madison. On October 8th of that year, he was given a permanent assignment as associate pastor at St. George's Church in Paterson, where he would serve with Monsignor Joseph Brestle and Father Julian Varettoni. On June 29, 1971, he was assigned, with Monsignor Michael F. Hart as Pastor, to St. James of the Marches Church in Totowa, NJ, where he has remained ever since. He has served with many parochial vicars including Father Francis J. Duffy, Father Dennis O'Brien, Weekend Associate Father James Dolan, S.J., Father Paul Iovino, Father Joseph E. Murphy, Father Marc Mancini, Father James P. Bono, Father Damian Breen, O.S.B. Father Nicholas Gregoris and Father James Cerbone, S.D.B.

Monsignor Hart was called from this life on June 18, 1990, and soon after Father Boland was appointed as Pastor of St. James. On October 10, 1993, he was honored with the title of Monsignor.

During his time at St. James alone, Monsignor Boland baptized 1,364 infants, witnessed 470 marriages, administered First Eucharist to 2,864 children, attended 37 confirmations, and grieved with 1,249 families. He has made innumerable sick calls and communion visits. Over the 37 years he has served there, he has been involved in many activities of the Parish and of the greater Totowa community as well. He has attended not only graduations, Religious Education Classes and Rosary Altar Society meetings and events, but walked 37 May Crownings, attended 37 swearing in ceremonies for the Totowa Borough Council, and countless Boy and Girl Scout and Knights of Columbus events. He is the Chaplain of the Totowa Fire Department and was Dean of the Mid-Passaic Deanery for ten years beginning in February 1995.

Throughout his years of service, Monsignor Boland has helped to deepen the faith of many, and teach them more about their religion. His dedication to learning and expanding his own knowledge is exemplary.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to learning about and recognizing the efforts of individuals like Monsignor Boland.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, Monsignor Boland's family and friends and parishoners, all those who have been guided by him, and me in recognizing the outstanding and invaluable service of Monsignor Richard A. Boland.